

Acadia Parish



“Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community”

Healthy People 2010

Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance				
	Acadia	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
ECONOMICS, 2000				
% All persons in poverty	24.5%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	30.7%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	7.1%	7.3%	5.8%	--
EDUCATION 2002-2003				
School Expenditure per Student	\$6,562	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	92.5%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	6.4%	7.0%	--	--
MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	14.8	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	77.1%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	61.2%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	11.3%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	15.9%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	--	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	232.8	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	149.5	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	5*	5.8	5.1	1.0
STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)				
Heart	274.2	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	235.3	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	38.9	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	57.5	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	**	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	**	37.8	43.3	--
COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	14.2	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	1.6	2.1	1.5	0.8
HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004				
	Region 4	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	24.7%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI>30 (adults 20+)	28.1%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	71.6%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	86.6%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	76.0%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United State, 2003". NA= Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (**Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EMS/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

History^{1, 2}

Acadia Parish was originally part of St. Landry Parish. Established as a separate parish on June 30, 1888, it was settled by the descendants of the Acadians, who were exiled from Nova Scotia and immigrated to Louisiana in the mid-18th century.

Acadia Parish is the home of the International Rice Festival in Crowley, the Frog Festival in Rayne, the Buggy Festival in Church Point, and the Germanfest in Roberts Cove, as well as the unique Mardi Gras celebration in Church Point and Iota. The elegant architecture of Crowley's huge historic district, the charm of the murals in Rayne, the amazing European-style castle in Mermentau, the Rice Museum and Blue Rose Museum in Crowley, and the tiny pilgrim's chapel in the German settlement called Roberts Cove are all fascinating to visit.



Parish Seat³Crowley

Major Cities (population over 5,000)

- Crowley
- Eunice
- Rayne

Parish Population⁴

2000.....	58,861
2003 (estimate)	59,246
2000 Population by Race	
White.....	80.7%
African-American	18.2%
Some other race.....	1.0%
Hispanic of Latino (of any race)	0.9%
2000 Population by Age	
Under 5 years	7.8%
5-14	16.7%
15-17	5.3%
18-19	3.2%
20-24	6.3%
25-64	48.4%
65 & over	12.3%

Geography and Statistics⁵

Average elevation	10ft.
Land area in square miles	655
Water area in square miles	2.3

Climate

Average temperatures

Annual	67°
January	58°
July	90°
Annual average rainfall	58.5 inches

Labor Force (2001)⁶

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Civilian.....	23,848
Employed	22,601
Unemployed.....	1,247
Unemployment.....	5.2%

Louisiana

Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate	4.8%

Colleges/Universities (within one hour commute)

- Louisiana State University and A&M College, Eunice
- McNeese State University, Lake Charles
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette

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2. Louisiana Office of Culture Recreation and Tourism, 1998. keywords: regional information, <<http://www.crt.state.la.us/crt/tourism/>>.
3. [Louisiana Almanac](#), 2002-2003 edition, Pelican Publishing Company, Gretna, LA. 2002.
4. U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3) <<http://www.census.gov>>.
5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>.
6. Louisiana Department of Labor, Civilian Labor Force Summary <http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF_Parishes_2000-Present.xls>.